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OFFICIAL DECREES ON OPIUM CONTROL AND INDUSTRIALIZATION IN INDOCHINA

Decree No 247/3101, dated 3 September 1948, reorganizes the government opium control in Indochina.

Article 3 of Section 1 limits the growing of the opium poppy to the Yao, Meo and other mountain tribes traditionally engaged in raising opium poppies.

With the purpose of progressively discontinuing this crop, permission must be granted for its cultivation by the Customs and Monopolies Bureau, and the crude opium may be delivered only to the Monopoly.

Section 2 fixes the date of complete narcotic prohibition as of 31 December 1953 in accordance with the recommendations of the Bangkok Conference. The annual reduction of opium sales by the Monopoly will be 20 percent so that in 1954 these sales shall be absolutely abolished.

Decree of 22 September 1948, issued in Paris and signed by the French Premier and the Minister of Overseas France, approves the supplementary credits of the general and extraordinary budgets for the fiscal year 1948 to be expended on the reconstruction and industrialization of Indochina.

The general budget provides a credit of 1,249,936,680 piasters, and the extraordinary budget a credit of 847,662,120 piasters for the fiscal year 1948.

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